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A Copy of the *Instrument of Association* that the Protestants of *England* entred into, in the 27th. Year of *Queen Elizabeth*, against a *Popish Conspiracy*: With an *Act* made for the *security* of the *Queen's Most Royal Person*; As also two other *Acts* made in the 13th. Year of the said *Queen*.

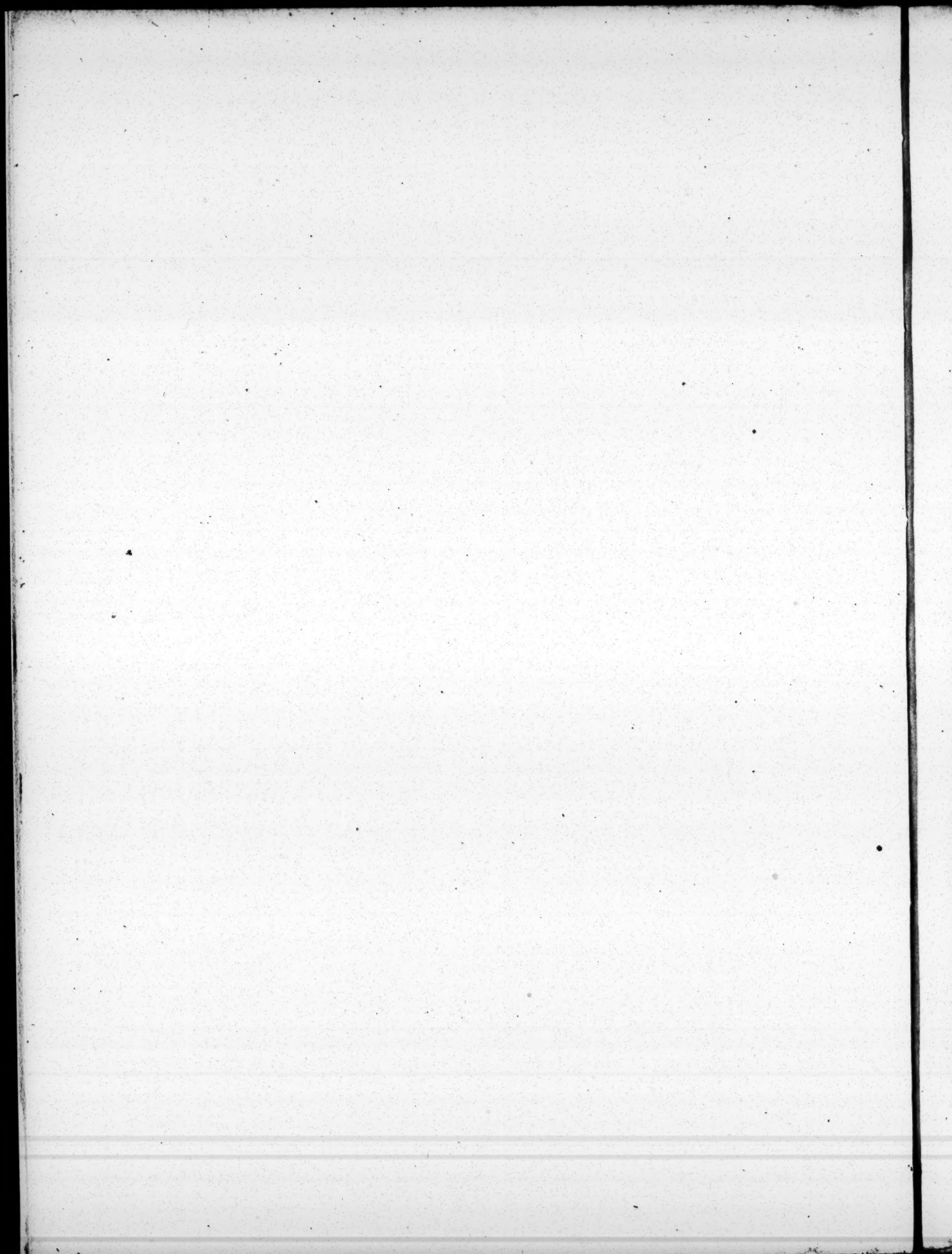
The First; Whereby certain Offences were made *Treason*, in which is a Clause, *That it is Treason, for any Person to assert that the Parliament of England has not Power to Limit the Succession of the Crown of this Realm.*

The Second; Against Fugitives over the Seas.

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A S S O C I A T I O N  
S I G N E D by the  
House of LORDS.

*Vie Mercurii 26. Feb. 1696.*

**W**Hereas there has been a horrid and detestable Conspiracy formed and carried on by Papists, and other wicked and traitorous Persons, for Affassinating His Majesties Royal Person, in order to encourage an Invasion from *France*, to subvert our Religion, Laws, and Liberties. We whose names are hereunto Subscribed, do heartily, sincerely, and solemnly profess, testifie, and declare, that His Present Majesty King *William* hath Right by Law to the Crown of these Realms, and neither the Late King *James*, nor the pretended Prince of *wales*, nor any other Person hath any right whatsoever to the same; And we do mutually promise and engage to stand by and assist each other to the utmost of our Power, in the support and defence of His Majesties most sacred Person and Government against the Late King *James*, and the pretended Prince of *wales*, and all their Adherents: And in case His Majesty come to any violent or untimely Death (which God forbid) We do hereby further freely and unanimously oblige our selves, to unite, associate, and stand by each other in revenging the same upon his Enemies and their Adherents, and in supporting and defending the Succession of the Crown, according to an Act made in the first Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, entituling, an Act declaring the Right and Liberties of the Subject and settling the Succession of the Crown.



*An Act whereby certain Offences be made* TREASON

## The First Chapter,

**F**Orasmuch as it is of some doubted, whether the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, remaining at this present in force, are vailable and sufficeient enough for the security and preservation of the Queens most Royal Person, in whom consisteth all the Happiness and Comfort of the whole State and Subjects of the Realm: which thing all Faithful, Loving, and Dutiful Subjects ought and will with all careful Study and Zeal consider, foresee, and provide for. By the neglecting and passing over whereof with winking Eyes, there might happen to grow the Subversion and Ruin of the quiet and most happy State and present Government of this Realm, (which God defend.) Therefore at the humble Suit and Petition of the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, be it Enacted, Declared, and Established by Authority of the same Parliament, that if any Person or Persons whatsoever, at any time after the last day of *June* next coming, during the natural Life of our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queen *Elizabeth* (whom Almighty God preserve and bless with long and prosperous Reign over this Realm) shall within the Realm or without, Compass, Imagine, Invent, Devise, or Intend the Death, or Destruction, or any bodily harm tending to Death, Destruction, Mame, or Wounding of the Royal Person of the same our Sovereign Lady Queen *Elizabeth*: or to deprive or depose her of or from the Style, Honour, or Kingly Name of the Imperial Crown of this Realm, or of any other Realm or Dominion to her Majesty belonging: or to levy War against her Majesty within this Realm or without, or to move or to stir any Foreigners or Strangers with force to invade this Realm, or the Realm of *Ireland*, or any other her Majesties Dominions being under her Majesties obeyfance, and such compasses, imaginations, inventions, devices, or intentions, or any of them, shall maliciously, advisedly, and expressly utter or declare by any Printing, Writing, Cyphering, Speech, Words, or Sayings; or if any Person or Persons whatsoever, after the said last day of *June*, shall maliciously, advisedly, and directly, publish, declare, hold opinion, affirm, or say by any Speech, expresse words or sayings, that our said Sovereign Lady Queen *Elizabeth* during her Life, is not, or ought not to be Queen of this Realm of *England*, and also of the Realms of *France*, and *Ireland*; or that any other Person or Persons ought of Right to be King or Queen of the said Realms of *England* and *Ireland*, or of any other her Majesties Dominions being under her Majesties obeyfance, during her Majesties Life: or shall by Writing, Printing, Preaching, Speech, expresse, Words or Sayings, maliciously advisedly, and directly publish, set forth, and affirm, that the Queen our said Sovereign Lady Queen *Elizabeth* is an Heretick, Schismatick



Schismatick, Tyrant, Infidel, or an Usurper of the Crown of the said Realms, or any of them; that then all and every such said offence or offences, shall be taken, deemed, and declared by the Authority of this Act and Parliament, to be high Treason; and that as well the principle Offender or Offenders therein, as all and every the Abettors, Counsellors, and Procurors to the same Offence or Offences, and all and every Aiders and Comforters of the same Offendor or Offenders, knowing the same Offence or Offences to be done and committed in any place within this Realm or without, being thereof lawfully and duely indited, convicted, and attainted, according to the usual order and course of the Common Laws of this Realm, or according to the Act made in the XXXV. year of the Reign of the late King of Famous Memory King *Henry* the eighth, Father of our said Sovereign Lady, entituled, an Act concerning the Tryal of Treasons committed out of the Kings Majesties Dominions, as the case shall require; shall be deemed, declared, and adjudged Traytors to the Queen and the Realm, and shall suffer pains of Death, and also forfeit unto the Queens Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, all and singular Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, and Cattels, as in Cases of high Treason by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm at this day of Right to be Forfeited and Lost.

And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all and every Person and Persons, of what degree, condition, place, nation, or estate soever they be, which shall after the end of thirty days next after the last day of this present Session of this Parliament, at any time in the Life of our Sovereign Lady Queen *Elizabeth*, in any wise claim, pretend, utter, declare, affirm, or publish themselves or any of them, or any other then our said Sovereign Lady *Elizabeth* the Queens Majesty that now is, to have Right or Title to have or enjoy the Crown of *England* during or in the Life of our said Sovereign Lady: Or shall usurp the same Crown, or the Royal Stile, Title or Dignity of the Crown or Realm of *England*, during or in the Life of our said Sovereign Lady; or shall hold and affirm that our said Sovereign Lady hath not Right to hold and enjoy the said Crown and Realm, Stile, Title or Dignity; or shall not after any demand on our said Sovereign Ladies part to be made, effectually acknowledg our said Sovereign Lady to be in Right, true and lawful Queen of this Realm: they and every of them so offending, shall be utterly disabled during their natural Lives only to have or enjoy the Crown or Realm of *England*, or the Stile, Title, or Dignity thereof at any time in succession, inheritance, or otherwise, after the decease of our said Sovereign Lady, as if such Person were naturally dead; any Law, Custom, Pretence, or Matter whatsoever to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that if any Person shall during the Queens Majesties Life, in any wise hold, affirm, or maintain, any Right, Title, Interest, or Possibility in Succession or Inheritance in or to the Crown of *England*, after our said Sovereign the Queen, to be Rightfully in or Lawfully due or belonging unto any such Claimer, Pretender, Usurper, Utterer, Declarer, Affirmer, Publisher, or not acknowledger, so that our said Sovereign Lady the Queen shall by Proclama-

tion to be published through the Realm, or else in the more part of those Shires of this Realm, as well on the South-side as on the North-side of *Trent*, and also in the Dominion of *Wales*, in which Shires no War or Rebellion then shall be, set forth, notifie, or declare such Claiming, Pretence, Uttering, Declaration, Affirming, Publishing, Usurpation, or not Acknowledging: Then every Person which after such Proclamation, shall during the Queens Majesties Life, maintain, hold, or affirm, any Right in Succession, Inheritance, or Possibility in or to the Crown or Realm of *England*, or the Rights thereof, to be in or to any such Claimer, Pretender, Utterer, Declarer, Affirmer, Usurper, Publisher, or not Acknowledger, shall be a high Traytor, and Suffer and Forfeit as in Cases of high Treason is accustomed.

And be it further Enacted, that if any Person shall in any wise hold and affirm, or maintain, that the common Laws of this Realm not altered by Parliament, ought not to direct the Right of the Crown of *England*; or that our said Sovereign Lady *Eliz* betw the Queens Majesty that now is, with and by the Authority of the Parliament of *England*, is not able to make Laws and Statutes of sufficient force and validity to limit and bind the Crown of this Realm, and the Decent, Limitation, Inheritance, and Government thereof; or that this present Statute, or any part thereof, or any other Statute to be made by the Authority of the Parliament of *England* with the Royal Assent of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen for limiting of the Crown, or any Statute for recognising the Right of the said Crown and Realm to be justly and lawfully in the most Royal Person of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, is not, are not, or shall not, or ought not to be for ever of good and sufficient force and validity, to bind, limit, restrain, and govern all Persons, their Rights and Titles, that in any wise may or might claime any interest or possibility in or to the Crown of *England* in possession, Remainder, Inheritance, Succession, or otherwise howsoever, and all other Persons whatsoever: Every such Person so holding, affirming, or maintaining, during the Life of the Queens Majesty, shall be judged a high Traytor, and Suffer and Forfeit as in Cases of high Treason is accustomed. And every Person so holding, affirming, or maintaining, after the decease of our said Sovereign Lady, shall Forfeit all his Goods and Cattels.

And for the avoiding of contentious and seditious spreading abroad of Titles to the Succession of the Crown of this Realm, to the disturbing of the common Quiet of the Realm: Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that whosoever shall hereafter during the Life of our said Sovereign Lady, by any Book or Work Printed or Written, directly and expressly declare and affirm, at any time before the same be by Act of Parliament of this Realm Established and Affirmed, that any one particular Person whosoever it be, is or ought to be the Right Heir and Successor to the Queens Majesty that now is, (whom God long preserve) except the same be the natural Issue of Her Majesties Body; or shall wilfully set up in open place, publish, or spread any Books or Scrowles to that effect: Or shall Print

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Bind, or put to Sale, or utter: Or cause to be Printed, Bound, or put to Sale, or uttered, any such Book or Writing wittingly: That he or they, their Abettors and Counsellors, and every of them, shall for the first Offence suffer Imprisonment of one whole Year, and forfeit half his Goods, whereof the one Moiety to the Queens Majesty, the other Moiety to him or them that will Sue for the same, by Bill, Action of Debt, Plaint Information, or otherwise in any of the Queens Majesties Courts, wherein no Effoyne or Protection shall be allowed. And if any estfoons offend therein, then they and every of them, their Abettors and Counsellors, shall incur the Pains and Forfeitures which in the Statutes of Provision or Premunire are appointed and limited.

Provided alway, that if it shall happen hereafter any Peer of this Realm to be Indicted of any Offence made Treason by this Act, he shall have his Tryal by his Peer's, as in other Cases of Treason is accustomed.

Saving to all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, their Heirs and Successors, other then the said Offenders and their Heirs, claiming only as Heir or Heirs to any such Offender, and such Person and Persons as claim to any their Uses, all such Rights Titles, Interests, Possessions, Leases, Rents, Reversions, Offices, and other Profits, which they or any of them shall have at the day of the committing such Offence or Offences, or any time before, in as large and ample manner as if this Act had never been had or made.

Provided also, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that no Person or Persons shall in any wise be Arraigned for any of the Offences mentioned in this Act to be committed or done within any the Queens Majesties Realms or Dominions, unless the Offender or Offenders be thereof Indicted within six Months next after the same Offence Committed: Any thing mentioned in this Act, to the contrary, notwithstanding. And that no Person or Persons shall in any wise be Arraigned for any the Offences mentioned in this Act, to be committed or done out of any the Queens Majesties Realms or Dominions, unless the Offender or Offenders be thereof Indicted within one Year next after the same Offence Committed: Any thing mentioned in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that no Person or Persons shall be hereafter Arraigned for any of the Offence or Offences mentioned in this Act, unless the same Offence or Offences be proved by the Testimony, Deposition, and Oath of two lawful and sufficient Witnesses: Which said Witnesses, shall at the time of the Arraignment of such Person so Offending, be brought forth in Person before the Party so Arraigned face to face, and there shall avow and openly declare all they can say against the Party so Arraigned, unless the said Party Arraigned shall willingly, without Violence confess the same.

Provided also, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Aiders and Comfortors of such of the Offenders aforesaid, as shall maliciously, advisedly, and directly publish, set forth and affirm, that the Queens Highness that now is, is an Heretick, Schismatick, Tyrant, Infidel, or Usurper of the Crown, as in Form aforesaid.



said, shall for his said first Offence of Aiding and Comforting the said last recited Offender or Offenders, knowing the same Offence or Offences to be committed, incur only the danger and penalty of Premunire, mentioned in the Statute of Premunire, made in the sixteenth Year of K. *Richard* the Second. And that such Aiders and Comfortors of the Offender or Offenders aforesaid last recited, knowing the same Offences to be committed, which after their first conviction and attainder thereof shall afterwards Offend, shall for his or their second Offence, be adjudged high Traytors, and Suffer and Forfeit as in Cases of High-Treason, as is aforesaid.

Provided alwayes, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the giving of Charitable Alms in Money, Meat, Drink, Apparel, or Bedding, for the Sustainment of the Body or Health of any Person or Persons, that shall commit any the Offences made Treason or Premunire by this Act, during the time that the same Offender shall be in Prison, shall not in any wise be deemed or taken to be any Offence: Any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

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*An Act against Fugitives over the Seas.*

Chapter III.

**F**Orasmuch as the Duty of every Subject consisteth chiefly in readiness at all times to attend to the Service of his Prince and Sovereign Governour, and of his Country, when he shall be thereunto commanded, either within the Realm or without, both with his bodily Service, and Assistance with his Goods and Lands according to his Calling: And albeit by divers Laws and Statutes of this Realm, none ought depart the same without special License of the Prince, except such as in the Statutes be specially excepted, and those yet only at certain Places appointed: Yet nevertheless divers and sundry Persons contrary to the Duty of Good and Lawful Subjects; as though they were Sovereign Rulers themselves, and not under Rule and Commandment, casting away most wilfully and obstinately the Service, Duty, Obedience, and defence of their Prince and Country, do secretly in great numbers without License of the Queen, our and their Natural Sovereign Lady, depart this Realm of *England*, and other the Dominions belonging to the same, into Foreign Parts and Dominions of other Princes, under whose Obeysance and Protection they submit themselves, and become their Subjects, and there do not only unnaturally discover the Secrets of this Realm their Native Country as much as in them lieth, but also do convey with them great Sums

Sums of Money, being naturally a part of the Common Treasure of the Realm, spending the same to the Profit and Commodity of Strangers, and in sundry Places to the Relief of Rebels, Fugitives and Traytors: And not so satisfied, do further practice in those Foreign Parts, divers Trayterous, Rebellious, Seditious, and Slanderous things, as well by Writing as otherwise, to the great Danger and Peril of the Queen our most Gracious Sovereign Lady, and the State of this whole Realm of *England*, and the Dominions belonging to the same. And to the end the better to bring to pass, and to maintain their said most unnatural Attempts, and devilish Devises, after they have determined so to pass out of this Realm, do by Fraud, Collusion and Covin, (things detested and abhorred by all good Laws) make divers secret Estates, Gifts, and Conveyances, as well of their Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as of their Goods and Cattels, moveable and immovable: Which said Gifts, Estates, and Conveyances, nevertheless been by the secret intent of the Parties, to the proper uses, and at the free Dispositions of the said Persons, although by a feigned Countenance, Shew, and Visage, contained by Words and Sentences in the same Fraudulents, Gifts and Conveyances, it may appear that the same are made either to the only Uses, Profit, and free Disposition of such Person and Persons to whom they are so made and conveyed, or to other Good and Lawful Dispositions, which indeed are not most commonly true, nor so intended by the Parties: And so the Profits and Commodities arising and coming of such Lands, Tenements Goods, and Cattels, been put in Bank and Exchange, and as it were unnaturally stolen and conveyed out of the Realm, to and for the Maintenance Expences, and finding of such Disobedient, Trayterous, and Rebellious Fugitives in Foreign Parts, and thereby also to the Impoverishing and defrauding of the Realm of the Natural Aid which it should have thereby, if it were here preserved and expended.

For Remedy whereof, be it Enacted, Established, and Ordained by the Queen our Sovereign Lady, and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled by the Authority of the same: That all and every Person and Persons, of what Estate, Degree, or Condition they be, being the Natural born Subjects of or in this Realm of *England*, or other Dominions being under the Obedience of the Queen, Her Heirs or Successors, or being free Denizens of this Realm, the which at any time sythence the first day of the Reign of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, (whom Almighty God long preserve) hath passed, or hereafter during Her Majesties Life, shall pass out of this Realm of *England* or *Ireland*, or any other the Dominions of the same, at any place whatsoever, into any the Realms, Dominions, or Country's, of any Foreign Prince, Potentate, or Governor, by whatsoever Name or Names, they be called or known, without the special License of our said Sovereign Lady by Writing, under the Great Seal of *England*, Privy Seal, or prime Signet: That then every such Person or Persons which hath departed, or hereafter shall depart out of this Realm, or the Realm of *Ireland*, or any the Dominions of the same, without such License



as is aforesaid, and shall not return into the same Realm of *England*, and there yield and render his or their Bodies to the Custody and Ward of the Sheriff, of the County where such Person or Persons shall so arrive, or to some of the Most Honourable Privy Council of our said Sovereign Lady, within the space of VI Months next after Proclamation made by our said Sovereign Lady the Queen under the Great Seal of *England*, for the return and yielding of the Body of such Person or Person's so as is aforesaid departing without License, shall forfeit and loose to our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, the whole Profits of all their Manors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, during their Lives, whereof they were leas'd of any Estate of Free-hold, or Inheritance, in their own Right, or in the Right of their Wives: And also shall forfeit unto the same our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her Heirs, and Successors for ever, all their Goods and Cattels whatsoever. And that all and every the Benefices, Prebends, and other Ecclesiastical Promotions and Dignities whatsoever, of every Spiritual and Ecclesiastical Person so Offending in departing the Realm, as is aforesaid, and not returning and yielding their Bodies in Form above limited, shall utterly void to all intents and purposes, as though the Incumbent were dead: And that the Patron and Donor of every such Benefice, Prebend, Spiritual Promotion and Dignity, shall and may Lawfully present to the same, or give the same in such Manner and Form, as if the said Incumbent were dead.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all and every Person or Persons, being Natural born Subjects, as is aforesaid, and also all and every Denizen or Denizens, which at any time sythence the said first day of the Reign of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, have departed, or hereafter during Her Majesties Life shall depart out of this Realm, or the Realm of *Ireland*, or any the Dominions of the same, by License of our said Sovereign Lady under any the Seals aforesaid, into any Foreign Realms, Country's or Dominions, being not under the Obedience of Her Highness, and shall not return into this Realm, and there yield his or their Body, as is above declared, within the space of six Months, next after the expiring of the time appointed by or in such License for his abode in such Forreign Realms, Dominions, and Countries, if their License shall expire hereafter, but if their License be expired already, then within eight Months after the end of this Session of Parliament, if he or they shall be at their own liberty, and not restrained or compelled against their will, not to depart out, of, or from such Foreign Realm, Dominion, or Country, or not further Licensed, as is aforesaid, for a further Term: That then all and every such Person and Persons, shall forfeit and loose to our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, during their Lives, the whole Profits of all the Manors, Lands Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof they shall be seized of any Estate of the Freehold, or Inheritance, in their own right, or in the right of their Wife or Wives, and also all their Goods and Cattels whatsoever: and that the Benefice, Prebends, and other Ecclesiastical Promotions and Dignities whatsoever, of every Spiritual and Ecclesiastical Person so offending,



offending, shall be utterly void to all intents and purposes, as though the Incumbent were dead: and that the Patrons and Donors of every such Benefice, Prebend, Spiritual Promotion and Dignity, shall and may lawfully present to the same, or give the same, as if the Incumbent were dead.

And forasmuch as divers of the said Persons, after they have determined to pass out of this Realm, or the Realm of *Ireland*, or the Dominions of any of the same, without Licence: or having Licence, determine not to return into the same, according to their Licence, do most commonly by covin and fraude, make, cause, or suffer to be made and had, recoveries, estates, grants, leases, and other conveyances of their mannors, lands, tenements, and Hereditaments; and also do by covin and fraud make gifts and grants, and other devises of their Goods and Cattels, to the intent and upon privy confidence that the Profits of the same may be employed and bestowed in such form, and to such secret purposes and uses as they do, or shall limit and appoint, and be agreed upon: Be it therefore further enacted and ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that all and every such estates, grants, leases, gifts, devises, and conveyances whatsoever, and every of them, being found by office to be made and had by fraud or covin, as is aforesaid, shall be as touching such interest, as by this act is appointed, to our Sovereign Lady the Queens highness now being, her Heirs and Successors, as is aforesaid, and as against the same our Sovereign Lady the Queen, for and concerning the same interest, utterly void, and of none effect or validity in the Law, and that our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, shall have and enjoy the same so covenantly conveyed, as if the Party so offending, were thereof actually ceased or possessed: Such Recoveries, Estates, Leases, Grants or Conveyances, suffered, had, or made, or any Law, Statute, Usage, Custom, or other thing to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Lord Chancellor of *England*, or the Keeper of the Great Seal for the time being, shall have full Power and Authority during the Queens Majesties Life, by Vertue of this Act without other Warrant, to make and award out under the Great Seal of *England*, Commissions from time to time to such Person and Persons, as by the Wisdom and Discretion of the same Lord Chancellor, or Keeper of the Great Seal shall be named and appointed, to enquire by others of twelve Lawful Men at the least, what Person or Persons have departed out of this Realm, or other the Dominions of the same, without License, or by License, and not returned into the same, and yielded their Bodies in such Manner and Form as is above declared, and what Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, and Cattels, they or any of them were Siezed or Possessed of at any time within the space of two Years next before their said departing, or after, and what Estates or Conveyances they or any of them have made, and when and whether the same were made upon Covin as is above expressed, and what Person and Persons been the Terreteauantes of the same Manors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments or Occupiers and Possessors, or takers

takers, or receivers of the Profits of the same, and of the said Goods and Cattels, and by what Title they hold and possess the same, and to whose or what use or uses, and of the Yearly Rents and Values thereof: The which Inquisition thereupon taken, shall be made in Writing indented, between such of the Commissioners as shall Execute the same, interchangeably Sealed with their Seals, and the Seals of the Jurors, by whom the same Inquisition shall be found: And that the same part so Sealed by the Jurors, shall be delivered unto the said Commissioners, and the other part thereof Sealed by the Commissioners, shall be delivered and remain with the Foreman of the Jury, by whom the same Inquisition shall be found: And that the Commissioners within the space of two Months next after such Inquisition found and Sealed, shall certifye and deliver the same Commission, with the Counterpain of the same Sealed by the Jurors, as is aforesaid, into the Court of the Exchequer of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, there to remain of Record.

And be it Further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all and every the said Matters and Things being truly found upon any the said Commissions by Inquisition, as is aforesaid, shall be good and avaleable in the Law, to all intents and purposes, until the same shall be undone by Lawful Traverse, which the Party grieved shall have at his will and pleasure. And that the Barons of the said Exchequer shall and may thereupon from time to time take such order for the true answering of the Rents, Revenues, Issues, and Profits of the said Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods and Cattels, to the use of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, as unto them and the said Court of the Exchequer shall seem most expedient.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Person or Persons to whom any estate, grant, lease, or other conveyance, is or hereafter shall be made or had, by any such Person or Persons which hath departed, or hereafter shall, in form aforesaid depart into any foreign Realm, Country, or Dominion, by or without Licence, as is aforesaid, of any their Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, or Cattels, do not within the space of three months next after Proclamation made in the name of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, under the great Seal of *England*, within any Country where the same Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall lye, truly declare upon their Oaths, either before the said Commissioners, or before the Barrons of the Exchequer, or some of them, to what use and intent such estates, grants, and conveyances were made, according unto the very truth, without any concealment or colour: That then every such Person and Persons to whom such estate or conveyance is or shall be made, shall forfeit and loose unto our said Sovereign Lady, the sum of twenty pounds of lawful Money of *England*, and shall also suffer Imprisonment, during the pleasure of the same our Sovereign Lady. And further, that the said Commissioners, and so many of them as shall take upon them the Execution of the said Commission, and also the Barons of the Exchequer, after the return and certificate of the same Commission before them, shall have full

Power



Power and Authority by vertue of this Act, by all such means and ways as to them shall seem most expedient, to send for all and every such Person and Persons, as shall have any estate, interest, possession, occupation, or medling with the said Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Goods, or Cattels, or any other, and them and every of them to examine upon their corporal Oaths, to open and declare plainly and truly, to what and whose use, profit, and commodity they have or hold the same Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Goods, and Cattels, and how, and to what, and whose use the Rents, Revenues, Issues, and Profits of the same, been and have been converted and imployed, and how long time; and to use all such other ways, means, and circumstances for the knowledge of the Truth in the Premises, as to them shall seem meet and convenient. And if any Person or Persons, being sent for to be examined, as is aforesaid, shall not appear at the day and place to them appointed, and having no lawful excuse for the contrary: Or after appearance, shall depart without Licence of such as shall have Power to examine them, as is aforesaid; or shall refuse to answer to such Interrogatories, as shall be ministred unto them, touching the premises, and the circumstances and dependances of the same: That then every Person and Persons aforesaid so offending, shall pay and loose unto the Queen our Sovereign Lady, such Fine and Fines for the said contempt, as shall be assessed by such as before whom the said examinations should be made, as is aforesaid, for the knowledge of the Truth in the premises. Saving to every Person and Persons, Bodies politick and corporate, their Heirs and Successors, other then the said Person and Persons so departed by Licence, or without Licence, as is aforesaid, and other then such Person and Persons to whom any of the said assurances, conveyances, or devices, be or shall be made, as is aforesaid, and other then all and every such Person and Persons which have or shall have, or claim any thing, of, in, or to any such Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Goods, and Cattels, by or from any Person or Persons, to whom any such assurance, device, or conveyance, shall be made, as is aforesaid; all such Rights, Titles, Interestes, Possessions, Leases, Rents, Reversions, Remainders, Services, Offices, and other profits and commodities, which they or any of them without fraud or covin shall have in the same before such the departing of any such Person or Persons, and not returning, as is aforesaid, in as large and ample manner and form as if this Act had never been had nor made.

Provided always, that this Act or any thing therein contained, shall not in any wise extend to any known Marchant of this Realm of *England*, or of the Realm of *Ireland*, or any the Dominions of the same, or to any of their known Servants, Apprentices, or Factors, or to any known Masters of Ships, Marriners, Saylers, or Gunners, of any Ship, for and concerning his or their departing out of the same without Licence into any Foreign Realm, Country, or Dominion, for his and their only Trade of Merchandize: So that such Merchant, or Merchants, Servants, Apprentices, Factors, Masters of Ships, or Marriners, shall not attempt or do, nor shall have attempted or done any Act or thing whatsoever contrary to the duty of



his Allegiance, or to the prejudice or peril of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, or the State of this Realm of *England* or *Ireland*, or any the Dominions of the same, and shall return into this Realm, and there yield his Body upon Proclamation for his return, as is aforesaid; this Act or any thing therein contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that if any Person by reason of his blind Zeal and Conscience only, depart beyond the Seas without Licence, as aforesaid: Or having Licence, doth for the same Cause only, tarry there after the time appointed by Proclamation be expired, and do not in the time he is beyond the Seas, or did not before he departed out of *England*, conspire, compass, or imagine, and by word, writing, or any other open Act declare any evil mind to the Queens Majesty, or her Estate, or quiet Government of her Majesties Realm: That then and in such case the Lord Chancellor, or the Lord Keeper upon petition to be made, shall by Authority of this Act, without any other warrant, limit and appoint for the maintenance and education of his desolate Wife and Children, or any of them, and allot unto them one reasonable portion of the Revenues of the Lands of such fugitive Person, not under the fourth part, nor above a third part of the value of such Lands as by this Act shall be forfeited to her Majesty, to be taken of them during the natural Life and Absence of the said fugitive Person; so that the said Person before his departure shall not have made otherwise sufficient conveyance and provision for them, by the reasonable judgment of the said Lord Chancellor, or the Lord Keeper of the great Seal.

Provided also, that if any Person offending contrary to this Statute aforesaid, shall at any time after that by this Act he hath forfeited the profits of his Mannors, Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as is aforesaid, repent him of his offence and undutiful doing, will acknowledg that great grace of God, return again into *England*, yield himself to the Sheriff of the Shire, as is aforesaid, or to any of the Queens Majesties Privy Counsel, acknowledging his fault, submitting himself to the Queens Majesties obedience, and fully reconcile himself to the true Religion established by Order of Law within this Realm, declaring that his reconciliation to the Bishop of the Diocese, and shewing the same openly by coming to the divine Service by order of this Realm appointed, and receiving the holy Communion; that then after one year expired, every such Person bringing to the Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the great Seal, a certificate from the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Curate of his Parish, of his true and unfeigned reconciliation, shall be restored to all his Lands, and the profits thereof, which before was forfeited by vertue of this Act, from henceforth to be due, and them to repose from henceforth in as ample manner as they had never been forfeited.

Provided always, that this Act or any thing in the same contained, shall in no manner of wise extend, or be deemed, or taken hereafter to extend to the Right Honorable the Lady *Jane* Dutches of *Feria* now being in *Spain*, Daughter unto Sir *William Dormer* Knight, nor unto the Lady *Jane Dormer* Widow, Grandmother unto the

the said Dutches; any thing in this Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not continue or be in force or strength any longer then during the natural Life of the Queens most excellent Majesty.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if it fortune any Noble-man, being a Peer of this Realm, at any time hereafter to depart this Realm, whose departure shall not be contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm: That then no such Noble-man so departing, shall incur any pains or forfeitures provided by this Act, unless such Noble-man be commanded by the Letters of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, under her Graces privy Seal or Signet, to make his return and repair into this Realm, and after such warning do not repair into this Realm, according to the Tencer of the same Letters, within the space of eight months next after the delivery of such Letters of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen unto any such Noble-man as is above mentioned: Or if such Letters shall not be to him deliver'd, so as he may well return within eight months after the sending thereof, then unless such Noble-man shall not return within other eight months next after Proclamation to be made as is above appointed: any thing before in this Act contained or expressed to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that if any Noble-man being a Peer of this Realm, which at any time hereafter shall Fortune to depart out of this Realm, in such sort as by the Laws of the Realm he may, and who hath not at any time before his departure, nor shall at any time during his abode out of this Realm, practice or devise any matter or thing against the Royal Person of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, or the quiet estate of this Realm, or any other her Highnesses Dominions being under her obeysance, to return into this Realm, and to yield himself to two of her Majesties Privy Council, acknowledging his offence done contrary to this Act: That then every such Noble-man shall from henceforth be restored to all the Rents, Revenues, Issues, and Profits, of all his Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which from henceforth should or might grow due unto our said Sovereign Lady the Queen by reason of this Act; and that then and from thenceforth the Queens Highness Title in and to the Rents, Revenues, Issues, and Profits, of all and singular his Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, by vertue only of this Act, shall cease, end, and determine: any thing in this Act contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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## ASSOCIATION

That the *Protestants* of *England* entred into, in the 27th. Year of *Queen Elizabeth*; against a *Popish* Conspiracy. With an *Act* made upon the same, for the security of the *Queen's Most Royal Person*.

**F**Orasmuch as Almighty God hath Ordained *Kings, Queens,* and *Princes*, to have Dominion and Rule over all their Subjects, and to preserve them in the Possession and Observation of the true Christian Religion, according to his Holy Word and Commandment: And in like sort, That all Subjects should *Love, Fear,* and *Obey* their Sovereign Princes, being *Kings* or *Queens*, to the utmost of their Power; at all times, to Withstand, Pursue, and Suppress all manner of Persons that shall by any means intend and attempt any thing dangerous or hurtful to the Honor, States, or Persons of their Sovereigns.

Therefore, we whose Names are or shall be Subscribed to this Writing, *being Natural-born Subjects of this Realm of England*, and having so Gracious a Lady our Sovereign *Elizabeth*, by the Ordinance of God, our most Rightful Queen, Reigning over us these many Years with  
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great Felicity, to our Inestimable Comfort: And finding lately by divers *Depositions, Confessions, and sundry Advertisements, out of Foreign parts from Credible Persons*, well known to Her Majesties Council, and to divers others; that for the furtherance and advancement of some pretended Title to the Crown, it hath been manifested that the *Life* of our Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen *Elizabeth*, hath been most dangerously exposed to the Peril of Her Person; if Almighty God Her perpetual Defender, of his Mercy had not revealed and withstood the same. By whose Life, we and all other Her Majesties True and Loyal Subjects, do enjoy an Inestimable Benefit of Peace in this Land, do for the Reasons and Causes before alledged, not only acknowledg our selves most justly bound with our Lives and Goods for her Defence, in her safety, to persecute, suppress, and withstand all such Pretenders, and all other her Enemies, of what Nation, Condition, and Degree, whatsoever they shall be, or by what Council or Title they shall pretend to be her Enemies, or to attempt any harm upon her Person; but do further think it our Bounden Duties, for the great benefit of Peace and Wealth, and Godly Government, we have more plentifully received these many Years, under Her Majesties Government, than any of our Fore-fathers have done in any longer time of any other Progenitors, Kings of this Realm.

Do declare, and by this Writing make manifest, our Bounden Duties to our said Sovereign Lady for her Safety. *And to that end, we, and every of us, first calling to witness the Name of Almighty God, do voluntarily and most willingly bind our selves, everyone of us to the other, jointly and severally in the Band of one firm and Loyal Society; and do hereby Vow and Promise by the MAJESTY of ALMIGHTY GOD, that with our whole Powers, Bodies, Lives, and Goods, and with our Children and Servants; we, and every of us, will faithfully serve and humbly obey our said Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, against all States, Dignities, and earthly Powers whatsoever; and will as well with our joynt and particular Forces, during our Lives, withstand, offend, and pursue, as well by Forces of Arms, as by all other means of Revenge; all manner of Persons, of what State soever they shall be and their Abettors, that shall attempt any Act, Council, or Consent to any thing that shall tend to the harm of Her Majesties Royal Person, and will never desist from all manner of forcible pursuit against such Persons,*



to the utter Extermination of them, their Counsellors, Aiders, and Abettors.

And if any such wicked Attempt against her most Royal Person, shall be taken in hand and procured, whereby any that have, may, or shall pretend Title to come to this Crown, by the untimely death of her Majesty, so wickedly procured (which God for his mercy sake forbid) may be avenged; *we do not only bind our selves both joyntly, and severally never to allow, accept, or favour any such pretended Successor, by whom, or for whom any such detestable Act shall be attempted or committed, as unworthy of all Government in any Christian Realm or Civil State.*

But do also further Vow and Protest, as we are most bound, and that in the *Presence of the Eternal and Everlasting God*, to Prosecute such Person and Persons to Death with our joynt or practical Forces, and to ask the utmost Revenge upon them that by any means, we or any of us can devise and do, or cause to be devised and done for their utter overthrow and Extirpation.

And to the better *Corroboration* of this our *Royal Band and Association*, we do also testifie by this Writing, that we do confirm the Contents hereof by our *Oaths* Corporally taken upon the *Holy Evangelists*, with this expresse Condition; that no one of us shall for any respect of *Persons or Causes*, or for *Fear or Reward*, separate our selves from this ASSOCIATION, or fail in the Prosecution thereof, *during our Lives*, upon Pain of being by the rest of us Prosecuted, and *Suppressed as Perjured Persons, and Publick Enemies to God, Our Queen and to our Native Country.* To which Punishments and Pains we do voluntarily submit our selves, and every of us, without benefit of any Colour and Pre-  
tence.

In Witness of all which promises to be inviolably kept, we do to this Writing put our Hands and Seals; and shall be most ready to accept and admit any others hereafter, to this Society and Association.

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*An Act for Provision to be made for the surety of the  
Queen's Majesties most Royal Person, and the  
continuance of the Realm in Peace; Enacted in the  
27th. Year of the Reign of Q. Elizabeth.*

**F**Orasmuch as the Good Felicity and Comfort of the whole Estate of this Realm consisteth (only next under God in the Surety and Preservation of the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty: And for that it hath manifestly appeared, that Sundry wicked Plots, and means have of late been devised and laid, as well in Foreign Parts beyond the Seas, as also within this Realm, to the great endangering of her Highness's Most Royal Person, and to the utter Ruine of the whole Common-wealth, if by God's Merciful Providence the same had not been Revealed: Therefore for preventing of such great Perils as might hereafter otherwise grow, by the like detestable and devilish Practices, at the humble Suite and earnest Petition, and desire of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this Present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same Parliament. Be it Enacted and Ordained, if at any time after the end of this Present Session of Parliament, any open Invasion or Rebellion shall be had or made into or within any of Her Majesties Realms or Dominions, or any Act attempted, tending to the Hurt of Her Majesties Most Royal Person, by or for any Person that shall or may pretend any Title to the Crown of this Realm after Her Majesties Decease: Or if any thing shall be Compassed or Imagined, tending to the hurt of Her Majesties Royal Person, by any Person or with the Privy of any Person that shall or may Pretend Title to the Crown of this Realm: That then by Her Majesties Commission under Her Great Seal, the Lords and others of Her Highnesses Privy Council, and such other Lords of Parliament to be named by Her Majesties as with the said Privy Council shall make up the number of Twenty four at the least, having with them for their Assistance in that behalf such of the Judges of the Courts of Record at *westminster*, as Her Highness shall for that purpose Assign and Appoint, or the more part of the same Council, Lords

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and Judges, shall by Virtue of this Act have Authority to Examine all and every the Offences aforesaid, and all Circumstances thereof, and thereupon to give Sentence or Judgments as upon good Proof, the Matter shall appear unto them: And that after such Sentence or Judgment given, and Declaration thereof made and Published, by Her Majesties Proclamation, under the Great Seal of *England*, all Persons against whom such Sentence or Judgment shall be so given and Published, shall be Excluded and Disabled for ever to have or Claim, or to pretend to have or Claim the Crown of this Realm, or any of Her Majesties Dominions, any former Law, or Statute whatsoever to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And that thereupon all Her Highnesses Subjects shall and may Lawfully by Virtue of this Act, and Her Majesties Direction in that behalf, by all Forcible and Possible Means pursue to Death every such Wicked Persons, by whom, or by whose means, Assent or Privy, any such Invasion or Rebellion shall be in Form aforesaid denounced to have been made, or such Wicked Act Attempted, or other thing compassed or imagined against Her Majesties Person, and all their Aiders, Comfortors and Abettors.

And if any such detestable Act shall be Executed against Her Highness most Royal Person, whereby Her Majesties Life shall be taken away (which God of his great Mercy forbid) that then every such Person, by or for whom any such Act shall be Executed, and their Issues being any wise Assenting or Privy to the same, shall by virtue of this Act, be excluded and disabled for ever, to have or claim, or to pretend to have or claim the said Crown of this Realm, or of any other Her Highness Dominions, any former Law or Statute whatsoever to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. And that all the Subjects of this Realm, and all other her Majesties Dominions, shall and may Lawfully by virtue of this Act, by all forcible and possible means pursue to death every such wicked Person, by whom, or by whose means, any such detestable Fact shall be in form hereafter expressed, denounced to have been Committed, and also their Issues being any way assenting or privy to the same, and all their Aiders, Comforters, and Abettors in that behalf.

And to the end that the intension of this Law may be effectually Executed,

cuted, if Her Majesties Life shall be taken away, by any violent or unnatural means (which God defend:) Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Lords and others which shall be of Her Majesties Privy Council at the time of such her decease, or the more part of the same Council, joyning unto them for their better Assistance, five other Earls, and seven other Lords of Parliament at the least, (foreseeing that none of the said Earls, Lords or Council be known to be Persons that may make any Title to the Crown) those Persons which were chief Justices of either Bench, Master of the Roles, and chief Baron of the Exchequer at the time of Her Majesties death, or in default of the said Justices, Master of the Roles, and Chief Baron, some other of those which were Justices of some of the Courts of Records at *westminster*, at the time of her Highness decease, to supply their places, or any twenty four, or more of them, whereof eight to be Lords of Parliament, not being of the Privy Council, shall to the uttermost of their power and skill examine the Cause and Manner of such Her Majesties death, and what Persons shall be any way guilty thereof, and all Circumstances concerning the same according to the true meaning of this Act, and thereupon shall by open Parliament publish the same, and without any delay by all forcible and possible means prosecute to death, all such as shall be found to be Offenders therein, and all their Aiders and Abettors: And for the doing thereof, and for the withstanding and suppressing of all such Power and Force, as shall any way be Levy'd or stirred in disturbance of the due Execution of this Law, shall by vertue of this Act, have Power and Authority not only to raise and use such Force as shall in that behalf be needful and convenient. but also to use all other means and things possible and necessary for the Maintenance of the same Force, and Prosecution of the said Offenders. And if any such Power and Force shall be Levied or stirred in disturbance of the due Execution of this Law, by any Person that shall or may pretend any Title to the Crown of this Realm, whereby this Law may not in all things be fully Executed, according to the effect and true meaning of the same: That then every Person shall by virtue of this Act be therefore excluded and disabled for ever to have or Claim, or to pretend to have or Claim the Crown of this Realm, or of any other her Highness Dominions, any former Law or Statute whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.



And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all and every the Subjects of all Her Majesties Realms and Dominions, shall to the uttermost of their Power, aid and assist the said Counsel and all other the Lords and other Persons to be adjoynd unto them for Assistance, as is aforesaid in all things to be done and executed according to the effect and intention of this Law : And that no Subject of this Realm shall in any wise be Impeached in Body, Lands or Goods, at any time hereafter, for any thing to be done or executed according to the Tenour of this Law, any Law or Statute heretofore made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And whereas of late many of Her Majesties good and faithfull Subjects, have in the name of God, and with the Testimony of good Consciences, by one uniform manner of Writing under their hands and seals, and by their several Oaths voluntarily take, joyned themselves together in one Bond and ASSOCIATION, to withstand and revenge to the uttermost all such malicious Actions and Attempts against Her Majesties most Royal Person. Now for the full explaining of all such Ambiguities and Questions as otherwise might happen to grow by reason of any Sinister or wrong Construction, or Interpretation to be made or Inferred of or upon the words or meaning thereof, be it declared and enacted, by the Authority of this present Parliament, that the same ASSOCIATION and every Article and Sentance therein contained, as we concerning the disallowing, excluding, or disabling of any Person that may or shall pretend any Title to come to the Crown of this Realm, as also for the pursuing and taking revenge of any Person for any such wicked Act or Attempt as is mentioned in the same ASSOCIATION, shall and ought to be in all things expounded and adjudged according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and not otherwise, nor against any other Person or Persons.

*The*

*The Association drawn up and Signed by the High Court of Parliament now Assembled, in the 24th. of February, 1695.*

**W**Hereas there has been a Horrid and Detestable Conspiracy, Formed and Carried on by Papists, and other Wicked and Traiterous Persons, for Assassinating His Majesty's Royal Person, in Order to encourage an Invasion from *France*, to subvert our Religion, Laws, and Liberty: We whose Names are hereunto subscribed, do heartily, sincerely, and solemnly Profess, Testifie, and Declare, that His Present Majesty, King *William*, is Rightful and Lawful King of these Realms. And we do mutually Promise and Engage to stand by, and assist each other, to the utmost of our Power, in the Support and Defence of His Majesty's Most Sacred Person and Government, against the Late King *James*, and all his Adherents. And in Case His Majesty come to any Violent or Untimely Death, (which God forbid) We do hereby further Freely and Unanimously oblige our selves, to Unite, Associate, and stand by each other, in Revenging the same upon his Enemies, and their Adherents; and in supporting and defending the Succession of the Crown, according to an Act made in the first Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, Intituled, an Act Declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and settling the Succession of the Crown.

✠ In the 13th. Year of the said Queen was Enacted Two excellent Acts, viz. An Act whereby certain Offences were made Treason: The 1d. against Fugitives over the Sea.

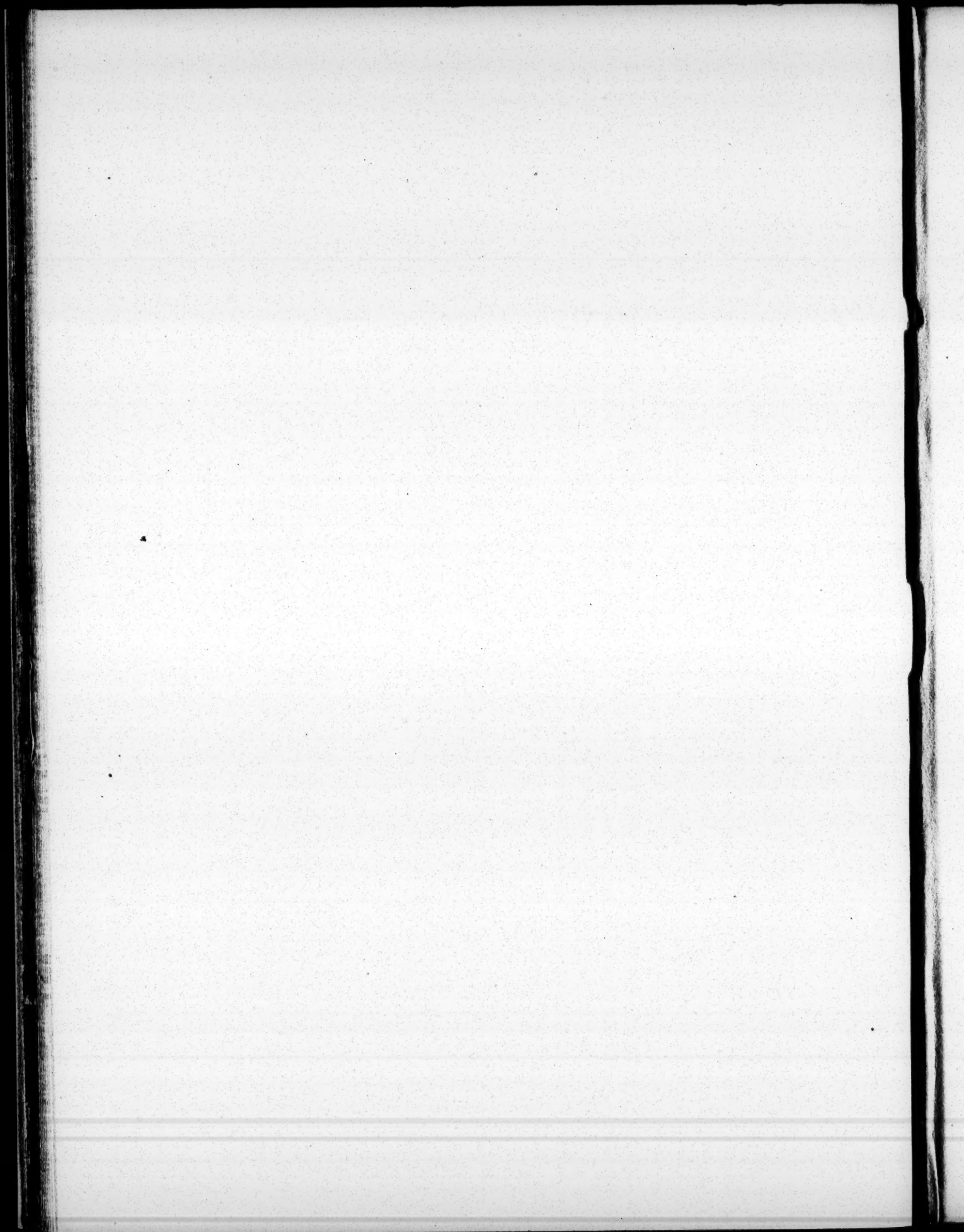


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